



## NEWS RELEASE

**NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NEMA) – 1300 MILITARY ROAD – LINCOLN, NE 68508-1090**

**Joint Information Center (JIC)**

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### Nebraska JIC Daily Update

#### Highlights

Yesterday afternoon the Wentworth fire made approximately a 2,479 acre run to the southeast almost reaching the Niobrara River. Crews worked through the night constructing fire line and provided structure protection. Good progress was made on the other fires securing line, mopping up and patrolling.

#### Weather

Last night temperatures dropped into 50s with 90 percent relative humidity which moderated the fire's behavior. This morning firefighters will take advantage of the temperature inversion along with cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity to construct line around the unsecured sections of the fires. However, this afternoon the weather will change with higher temperatures and lower relative humidity. The inversion is expected to lift in the early afternoon along with a wind shift out of the southeast. Given these changes active burning is very likely again this afternoon.

#### Strategies

In divisions A-H, M-N (N is a new division on the Wentworth fire) and X-Z crews will improve line, mop-up, patrol and provide structure protection. In Division O crews will construct, secure line and provide structure protection.

#### Road Closures

No road closures are in place, however, local authorities recommend using Highway 183 as an alternative to Highway 7 as it will have heavy emergency vehicle traffic.

#### Evacuations:

No evacuations are in place at this time.

#### Fire stats at a glance:

**Start Date:** July 20, 2012

**Containment:** 70 percent, estimate containment July 30, 2012

**Cause:** Lightning

**Acreage:** 72,405 total (Fairfield 66,745; Wentworth, 5,757; Hall, 2,382)

**Personnel:** 438, plus approximately 40 Rural Fire Department personnel

**Crews:** Nine crews on the fire line

**Cooperating Agencies:** Brown, Keya Paha and Cherry County Sheriff Offices; State of Nebraska; Ainsworth, Springview, Valentine, and Wood Lake VFDs; Region 24

Emergency Management; Nebraska National Guard; Nebraska State Fire Marshall; Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; Nebraska State Patrol; Nebraska Forest Service; Nebraska Department of Roads; National Park Service; The Nature Conservancy; and American Red Cross

**Aviation:** Five heavy-lift helicopters, one medium, and one light

**Engines:** 25, plus 20 Rural Fire Department engines

**Injuries:** 3 (minor)

**Structures destroyed:** 10 and associated outbuildings

**Structures/outbuildings threatened:** 152

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[List of Nebraska Local Health Departments](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/puh_oph_lhd.aspx#Websites)

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